

66AD

great revolt of the Jews.
Conduct of the Jewish war
entrusted to Vespasian.

66 AD

Halley's comet was seen
at time of attack on the city
of Jerusalem by the Romans

Jan. 26, 66 AD Calculated return
to Perihelion (closest to Sun)

A.D. 66

Zealots under MENEHEM rebelled against Roman rule. Four years later, when the rebellion was all but crushed, Masada alone held out.

AD 66-73

SIEGE OF JERUSALEM.

Nero dispatched Vespasian to quell a rebellion in Judaea. Midway through the war, Nero is overthrown, and 3 Senators rule before the Army proclaimed Vespasian emperor.

In 70 AD. his son TITUS took Jerusalem, burned the Temple and massacred thousands. In 73, ZEALOTS at Masada commit suicide rather than submit.

AD 66

Nero's twelfth year

66-70 AD

The "Jewish War"

Louder & louder grew the protests against the hated Romans. In the party of the "ZEALOTS" fanatics and rebels banded themselves together, demanding incessantly the removal of the foreign power. Everyone of them carried a dagger concealed under his cloak. Autocratic encroachment by ~~supporters~~ of the Roman procurator heightened the tension. More and more supporters

flocked to the side of the radicals

May 1st AD.

The mounting anger broke into open revolt in May 66 AD when the procurator Florus demanded 17 talents from the Temple treasury. The Roman garrison was over-run. Jerusalem fell into the hands of the rebels. The prohibition of the daily sacrifices to the emperor meant an open declaration of war against the Roman world empire. Ten

Jerusalem threw down the gauntlet at
Rome's feet and challenged the great IMPERIUM
ROMANUM.

The governor of the province of Syria
C. CESTIUS GALLUS marched with one legion
and a number of Auxiliary troops but was
forced to retire with heavy losses. The rebels
controlled the country. They hastened to fortify
the cities, Josephus was appointed commander-in-chief
in Galilee, Vespasian was given command of
the Romans.

66-70 AD

Jewish - Roman War

Romans defeated the Jews

The Jews revolted against Roman rule
"Siege of Jerusalem"

TITUS burned the Temple and
Jerusalem.

66 AD

Roman Armies under Cestius
Gallus came against
Jerusalem.

AD 66

Gessius Florus, a representative of the Roman emperor, arrested some Jews from Caesarea. They were protesting that their synagogue had been desecrated by Greeks. Florus also took money from the Temple Treasury.

The Zealots started an uprising. At first they were successful, so

Emperor Nero sent out a large number
of troops under the command of Vespasian
his most experienced General

66-70 AD

Jerusalem
The wall built by the Rebels
during the 1st Revolt (66-70 AD)
is the famous 3rd Wall of Josephus
but the data given by Josephus are both
vague and inconsistent